

OPEN SPACE COUNCIL
June 5, 2019
9:00 a.m.
Legislative Hall
Senate Hearing Room, Second Floor
Dover, Delaware

ATTENDANCE

Council Members:

John R. Schroeder, Chairperson
Rep. Gerald Brady
Sen. Bruce Ennis
Paul Boswell, Esq
Lorraine Fleming
Wayne Holden
Dorothy Leventry

Advisory To:

Shawn Garvin, DNREC, Secretary – present

Ex-Officios:

Ray Bivens, State Liaison Officer, LWCF, DNREC

Staff:

Tim Slavin, DOS, DHCA Director
Matthew Ritter, DNREC, Parks & Recreation
Elena Stewart, DNREC, Parks & Recreation
Robert Ehemann, DNREC, Parks & Recreation
Austin Short, DDA
Michael Valenti, DDA, Delaware Forest Service
Kyle Hoyd, DDA, Delaware Forest Service
Kerri Yandrich, DNREC, Fish and Wildlife
Lisa Borin-Ogden, DNREC, Deputy Secretary
Tim Byan, DNREC, Parks & Recreation
Sarah Zweigenbaum, DNREC Parks & Recreation

Visitors:

Donald Sharpe, United Automobile Workers, Community Action Program
Arabella Bianco, United Automobile Workers, Community Action Program

I. Call to Order/Introductions/Announcements

John Schroeder, Chairperson, called the June 5, 2019 Open Space Council (OSC) meeting to order. John introduced Matt Ritter to the OSC, who recently accepted the Parks Administrator position vacated by Matt

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Chesser. Matt for the past 5 years has served as the Division of Park and Recreation's Operation Section Manager and has been with the Division for 14 years.

John reminded the OSC members that it is important that all members attend the meetings as it is necessary to have a quorum in order to recommend projects go forward to the Secretary of DNREC. He asked that everyone respond to the emails Elena Stewart sends out as to whether or not they will attend since there is a lot of money allocated to the program.

II. Minutes of December Meeting

The minutes of the March 6, 2019 were unanimously approved.

III. Financial Report

Elena Stewart presented the financial report:

Open Space Program - Approved Projects 6/5/2019

Date Committed	Current Projects	Amount	Agency
12/6/2017	Selby	\$425,000	F&W
4/6/2018	Misphillion Harbor	\$300,000	F&W
7/20/2018	Kaiser	\$300,000	HCA
	Burrows	\$1,100,000	F&W
9/14/2018	Geffon	\$475,000	Parks
	Hudson	\$250,000	Parks
12/7/2018	Maroney	\$0	Parks
	Hawke/ Oval Lawn Farms LLC	\$900,000	F&W
	Jones	\$7,000	F&W
	Banning/ Plummer	\$175,000	DFS
3/6/2019	Borcherdt	\$2,730,302	Parks
	Glatfelter	\$110,000	DFS
	Total	\$6,772,302	

Available Funds 5/18/19

\$7,408,936

Current Commitments

\$6,772,302

Current Balance

\$636,634

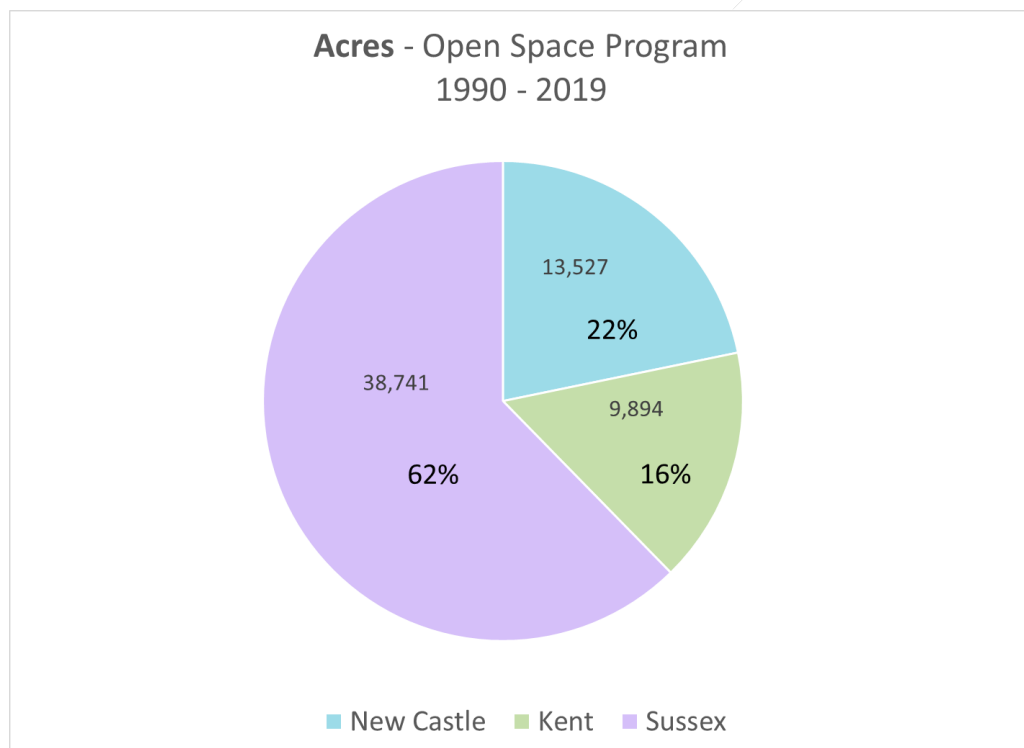
IV. Old Business

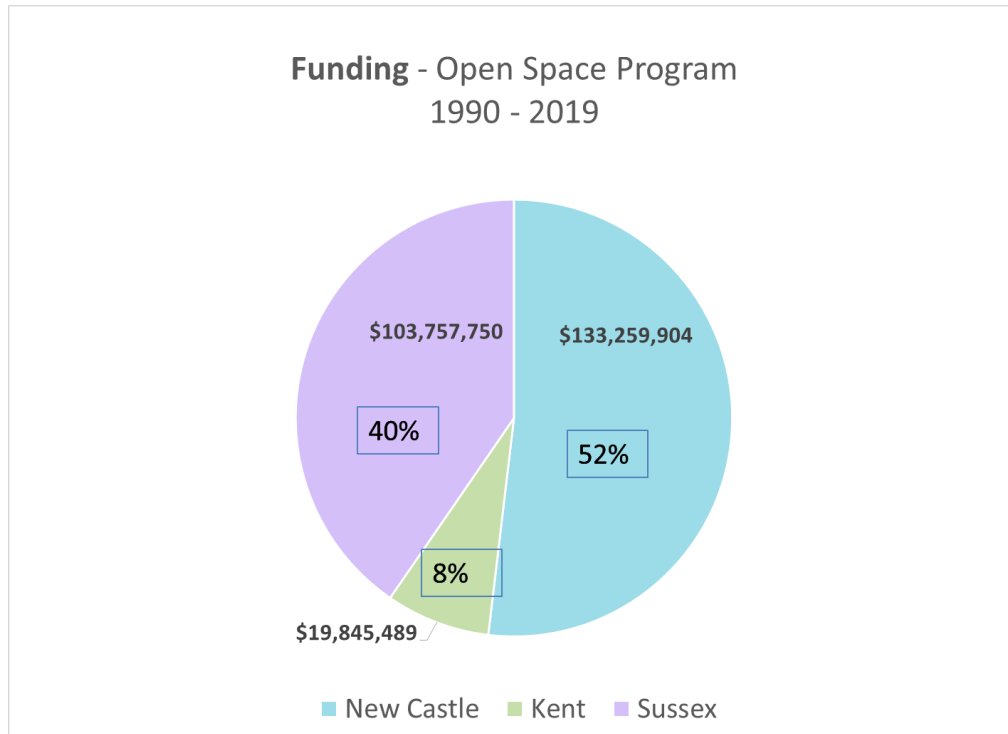
A. Completed projects

1. Reynolds and Cooch Properties – DNREC, Parks & Recreation
Auburn Valley State Park

- \$2.5M (\$1.4M Open Space Funds); 87.55 acres
- 2. Cooch Property – DOS, Historic and Cultural Affairs
\$1.1M (\$885,000 Open Space Funds); 10 acres
- 3. Benson Property – DNREC, Fish & Wildlife
Little Creek Wildlife Area
\$1,050; 0.06 acres
- 4. Silver Run Electric Property – DNREC, Fish & Wildlife
Cedar Swamp Wildlife Area
\$0 – donation; 208 acres
- 5. Starr Property – DNREC, Fish & Wildlife
Little Creek Wildlife Area
0.06 acres

Elena also presented a breakdown by County of what had been preserved and what had been spent since the inception of the OS Program:





V. New Business

- A. Council Open Discussion
None

B. Public Comments

Donald Sharpe of the United Automobile Workers Community Action Program and a member of the Coalition for Natural Stream Valleys spoke to his appreciation of the OSC supporting the acquisition of the BF3 Property recommended to the Secretary at the March meeting. He spoke of his highest respect for the OSC and the work they do.

Arabella Bianco of the United Automobile Workers Community Action Program and a member of the Coalition for Natural Stream Valleys spoke to her organizations commitment to the preservation of White Clay Creek State Park and her appreciation of the OSC supporting the acquisition of the BF3 Property recommended to the Secretary at the March meeting. She also spoke of her highest respect for the OSC and the work they do.

VI. Executive Session

- A. Discussion of Site Acquisitions

VII. Open Session

- A. Council Project Recommendations

1. Fraser Property, DNREC, Parks & Recreation
Cape Henlopen State Park

Lorraine Fleming made the motion to approve \$57,800 for the acquisition of the 23 acre inholding in Cape Henlopen State Park. Rep. Brady seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. BF3 LP Property - Phase 2, DNREC, Parks & Recreation
White Clay Creek State Park
Rep. Brady made the motion to approve the acquisition of approximately 24 acres at the purchase price of \$80,303/ acre based upon a survey which will be done. Lorraine seconded the motion. Sen. Ennis and Wayne Holden abstained from voting. The motion passed.
3. Layton Property, DNREC, Parks & Recreation
Trap Pond State Park
Paul Boswell made the motion to approve \$640,000 for the underlying fee of the Layton Property, which consists of 101.58 acres and currently has a conservation easement on the property. Rep. Brady seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
4. Selby Property, DNREC, Fish & Wildlife
Augustine Wildlife Area
Paul made the motion to approve an additional \$350,000, to total an Open Space commitment of \$1,675,000M for the 196 acre property. Sen. Ennis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
5. Timmons Property, DNREC, Fish & Wildlife
Assawoman Wildlife Area
Wayne made the motion to approve up to \$390,000 for the 52.4 acre Timmons Property. Paul seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
6. Cafini Property, DNREC, Fish & Wildlife
Eagles Nest Wildlife Area
Dorothy Leventry made the motion to approve \$220,000 for the acquisition of the 18.25 acre Cafini Property. Rep. Brady seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
7. Alfree Property, DNREC, Fish & Wildlife
Eagles Nest Wildlife Area
Lorraine made the motion to approve the acquisition of the 10.5 acre Alfree Property, which will not require any Open Space funds and instead be purchased with federal funds. Rep. Brady seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
8. Shilling Property, DNREC, Fish & Wildlife
Augustine Wildlife Area
Wayne made the motion to approve \$450,000 for the acquisition of the 53.6 acre property. Lorraine seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
9. Isaacs Property, DDA, Delaware Forest Service
Redden State Forest
Rep. Brady made the motion to approve \$40,000 for the acquisition of the 9 acre Isaacs Property. Lorraine seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Next Meeting Date/Adjournment

The next meeting of the Open Space Council is scheduled for September 4, 2019 in Legislative Hall, Second Floor, Senate Hearing Room, Dover, DE 19901, starting at 9:00 a.m.

John thanked everyone and asked for a motion to adjourn.